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We claim:

SUB A57 5 1. A method of creating a reference database for a computer-readable document comprising:

entering inputted reference data into the reference database; and

10 storing the reference database and other data of the computer-readable document in a single data file.

15 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the computer-readable document further comprises a reference field for retrieving a record stored in the reference database.

20 3. The method of claim 1 wherein the reference database further comprises:
fields for different types of reference data sources; and
fields containing specific information associated with these different types of reference data sources.

25 4. The method of claim 3 wherein the reference database comprises a bibliographic database, and the reference data sources comprise books, journals, conference presentations, web-pages and e-mails.

30 5. The method of claim 4 wherein the reference database further comprises one field containing information about a number of citations of a reference in the document.

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14. The storage medium of claim 12 wherein the reference database contains fields for different types of reference data sources and fields containing specific information associated with these data sources.

15. A computer program for creating a reference database for a computer-readable document, the computer program comprising program code adapted for:

entering inputted reference data into the reference database; and

storing the reference database and other data of the computer-readable document in a single data file.

16. The computer program of claim 15, wherein the computer-readable document comprises a reference field for retrieving a record stored in the database.

17. The computer program of claim 15, wherein the reference database comprises fields for different types of reference data sources, and fields containing specific information associated with these data sources.

18. The computer program of claim 17, wherein the reference database comprises a bibliographic database and the data sources include books, journals, conference presentations, web-pages and e-mails.

19. The computer program of claim 18, wherein the reference database comprises one field containing information about the number of citations of a reference in the computer-readable document.

20. The computer program of claim 15 further comprising instructions for displaying a user interactive dialogue window on a display screen.

5 21. The computer program of claim 20, comprising computer code allowing synchronization of the reference database with other data sources.

10 22. A computer program product for creating a reference database for a computer-readable document, the computer program product comprising program code adapted for:

entering inputted reference data into the reference database, and

15 storing the reference database and other data of the computer-readable document in a single data file.

20 23. The computer program product of claim 22, wherein reference fields are included in other data for retrieving the reference data stored in the reference database.

25 24. The computer program product of claim 23, further comprising program code allowing synchronization of the reference database with other data sources.